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A.—(*a*) West Godavari, Guntur, Ongole, Kurnool, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Bellary, Anantapur, North Arcot, South Arcot, Trichinopoly, Tinnevelly and South Kanara.

(*b*) No.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I know about the conduct of elections for other district boards which are left out in the list?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"It is stated that the elections will be completed this year according to the list."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"What about the elections in North and South Arcot districts?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"Elections will be completed this year."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"Have notifications been issued in respect of districts for which elections have not been conducted?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"If the hon. Member would mention particular instances, I can give the information."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"Have notifications been issued in respect of North Arcot and South Arcot?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"As regards North Arcot the question of bifurcation is under consideration and so no notification has been issued. As regards South Arcot it will be issued in a day or two if it has not already issued."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I know, Sir, when the order regarding the bifurcation of North Arcot will be issued?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I already said the matter is under consideration."

Nominations to the bifurcated District Boards of Guntur and Ganjam districts.

* 457 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals for making nominations for the newly bifurcated District Boards of Guntur and Ganjam; and

(*b*) if so, what they are and what the communities are which are proposed to be nominated on the bifurcated boards in both the districts?

A.—The Government have not considered the proposal of nominating members to the new Ongole District Board and to the new district boards to be formed on the bifurcation of the Ganjam District Board. The names of the persons nominated to the new Guntur District Board have been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 22nd October 1935. The communities represented by them are Muslims, Indian Christians and Adi-Dravidas.

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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" In answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) the Government say that they have not considered the proposal of nominating members to the new Ongole District Board and to the new district boards. May I know, Sir, whether it is the policy of the Government to take up nominations only when it suits party purposes? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Nomination will be made when it is considered necessary."

Orders of Government regarding the revision of pay of pandits, etc., employed in Secondary Schools managed by local boards and municipalities.

* 458 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have been passed revising the scales of pay of pandits, etc., employed in the local boards and municipal secondary schools;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table; and

(*c*) whether a copy of the report of the Director of Public Instruction on which this order was passed will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) G.O. No. 3395, L. & M., dated 20th August 1935, has been placed on the table in answer to question No. 285.

(*c*) No, as no useful purpose is likely to be served by placing the Director of Public Instruction's report on the table.

Agriculture

Research work carried on consequent on the grants given by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research at Delhi.

* 459 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many items of research work are being carried on by the grants given by the Imperial Council of Agriculture at Delhi; what the grant sanctioned for each work is, and at what stage each of them now is;

(*b*) whether this Government are undertaking any such works from their own funds; and

(*c*) if so, what they are, what the estimated cost of each is, and how long each of them is to go on?

A.—(*a*) A statement [a] showing the schemes of research financed by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and the amount of grant for each is appended (Appendix I). Brief notes [a] on items 1 to 3, 5, 9 and 10 of the schemes are also appended (Appendix II).

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 724–737 infra.